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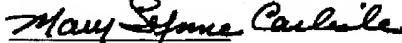
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of Sobonya et al. Confirmation No. 1960
Serial No. 09/891,568 Examiner: U. C. Ruddock
Filed: June 26, 2001 Art Unit: 1771
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 15, 2004, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be reconsidered in light of the following discussion.

Claims 1-3, 7-11, 14 an 17-22 stand rejected under 37 USC 103(a) as being unpatented over Calkins publication No. 2002/014509A1; (hereinafter Calkins).

Calkins has a filing date of April 5, 2001. Applicants herewith submit a Declaration by Elizabeth Flores showing that Applicants were in possession of the invention, as claimed, before April 2001 and the United States filing date of Calkins.

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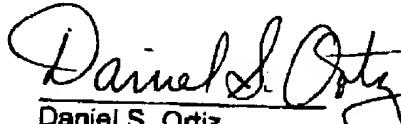
In view of the Declaration, Applicants submit that Calkins is not a reference on which a proper rejection can be based.

Since the primary reference Calkins is not available as a reference upon which a rejection can be based, the rejection based on a combination of Calkins in view of Juriga (U.S. 5,536,556) and Calkins in view of Juriga and McDermott, III et al. (U.S. 5,120,587) must fail.

The Declaration prepared for signature of Elizabeth Flores is submitted unexecuted. An executed copy of the Declaration will be submitted as soon as work schedules permit.

In view of the Declaration of Elizabeth Flores and the above discussion, Applicants request favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,


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